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Previously he was on the faculty of the University of California, Berkeley, where he co-founded in 1973 and co-led until 1996 the Energy and Resources Group (ERG). During the Clinton administration Dr. Holdren served as a member of PCAST through both terms and in that capacity chaired studies requested by President Clinton on preventing theft of nuclear materials, disposition of surplus weapon plutonium, the prospects of fusion energy, U.S. energy R&D strategy, and international cooperation on energy-technology innovation.

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